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1. SUMMARY. THIS MESSAGE CONTAINS INFORMAL MACHINERY
PROPOSAL WHICH WE WORKED OUT WITH USSR AND UK
DURING COURSE OF 21 JUNE. SEPTTEL REPORTS ON US-FRENCH
DISCUSSION OF THIS TEXT ON 22 JUNE AND TRANSMITS
FRENCH ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL.

2. DETAILS. AMB. FISHER MET WITH USSR AMB. ISSRAELYAN
DURING 19 AND 20 JUNE IN EFFORT TO PREPARE A
POSSIBLE JOINT APPROACH TO DRAFTING A PAPER ON CCD
SUCCESSION MACHINERY BEARING IN MIND FRENCH,
CHINESE AND NON-ALIGNED CONCERNS. THEY AGREED THAT
THE SUBSTANCE OF BRITISH PAPER (REFTEL) ON
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CONSENSUS DECISION-MAKING IN, AND OTHER ESSENTIAL
CHARACTERISTICS OF, A POSSIBLE NEW DISARMAMENT
NEGOTIATING FORUM OF LIMITED SIZE SHOULD BE
INCORPORATED IN ANY NEW TEXT. ISSRAELYAN NOTED
THE STRONG USSR CONCERN THAT THE NEW BODY WOULD
BE CREATED AS THE RESULT OF INTER-STATE NEGOTIATIONS,
RATHER THAN BY THE UNGA. HE SAID THAT MOSCOW ALSO

WANTED TO AVOID ANY APPEARANCE THAT THE CCD WOULD BE CLOSING DOWN AS THE RESULT OF A UNGA DECISION. FISHER SUGGESTED IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR A PAPER TO BE DRAFTED THAT WOULD ALLOW THE US AND USSR TO STRESS INTER-STATE AGREEMENT AS THE BASIS FOR THE NEW BODY, WHILE PERMITTING THE FRENCH TO POINT TO THEIR DESIRED LINKAGE TO THE UN THROUGH THE INCLUSION OF A STATEMENT ON PROPOSED NEW MACHINERY IN THE SSOD FINAL DOCUMENT. BOTH AGREED THAT CONSENSUS MUST GOVERN DECISION-MAKING, THAT THE CHAIR IN THE NEW BODY SHOULD ROTATE AMONG ALL ITS MEMBERS, AND THAT ITS SIZE SHOULD BE LIMITED TO ABOUT FOUR OR FIVE MORE THAN THE CCD.

3. FISHER ALSO MET BRITISH AMB. ASHE ON 21 JUNE. ASHE WAS PLEASED THAT OUR THINKING LEANT HEAVILY ON THE IDEAS OF THE BRITISH PAPER. HE THOUGHT HE COULD SUPPORT OUR APPROACH. ASHE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT (A) ONLY THOSE CCD MEMBERS WHO WISHED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEW BODY SHOULD BE INVITED TO DO SO, THUS POSSIBLY OPENING UP ONE OR TWO PLACES, (B) THAT THE TEXT MUST PLAINLY EXCLUDE ANY INFERENCE OF CONTINUATION OF THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP, AND (C) THAT THE NEW BODY SHOULD BE ASKED TO REVIEW ITS MEMBERSHIP AT REGULAR INTERVALS.

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4. TEXT OF PAPER DISCUSSED BY FISHER, ISSRAELYAN AND ASHE READS AS FOLLOWS:
BEGIN QUOTE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TAKES NOTE OF THE USEFUL WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT BY THE INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATING BODY THAT HAS BEEN MEETING SINCE MARCH 14, 1962, AS WELL AS THE GREAT WORK THAT REMAINS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE FIELDS OF NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL DISARMAMENT.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS PROFOUNDLY AWARE OF THE CONTINUING REQUIREMENT FOR A SINGLE MULTILATERAL DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATING FORUM OF LIMITED SIZE TAKING DECISIONS ON THE BASIS OF CONSENSUS. IT ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL THE NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES IN AN APPROPRIATELY CONSTITUTED NEGOTIATING BODY AND WELCOMES THE INTEREST EXPRESSED BY THEM IN SUCH A BODY.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THUS LOOKS FORWARD TO PARTICIPATION IN A COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT BY THE FIVE NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES, OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CURRENT

INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATING BODY, AND FOUR OR FIVE
ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO BE CHOSEN AS THE RESULT OF
NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN STATES. IT ANTICIPATES THAT
THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT WILL:

- (A) CONDUCT ITS WORK BY CONSENSUS;
- (B) ADOPT ITS OWN DEFINITIVE RULES OF
PROCEDURE;
- (C) REQUEST THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF
THE UNITED NATIONS, FOLLOWING
CONSULTATIONS WITH THE COMMITTEE ON

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- DISARMAMENT, TO APPOINT THE
SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE TO
ASSIST THE COMMITTEE AND ITS
CHAIRMEN IN ORGANIZING
THE BUSINESS AND TIMETABLES OF THE
COMMITTEE;
- (D) PROVIDE FOR A SYSTEM OF
ROTATION OF ITS CHAIRMANSHIP AMONG
ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE;

- (E) ADOPT ITS OWN AGENDA TAKING NOTE OF
- RECOMMENDATIONS MADE TO IT BY THE
- GENERAL ASSEMBLY;
- (F) REVIEW ITS MEMBERSHIP AS APPROPRIATE;

- (G) SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GENERAL
 - ASSEMBLY ANNUALLY, OR MORE
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- FREQUENTLY AS APPROPRIATE, AND
- PROVIDE ITS FORMAL AND OTHER
- RELEVANT DOCUMENTS TO THE MEMBER
- STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS;

- (H) MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE THE
- ABILITY OF INTERESTED STATES, NOT
- MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, TO
- SUBMIT TO THE COMMITTEE WRITTEN
- PROPOSALS OR WORKING DOCUMENTS ON
- MEASURES OF DISARMAMENT WHICH ARE
- THE SUBJECT OF NEGOTIATION IN THE
- COMMITTEE AND TO PARTICIPATE,
- WHERE APPROPRIATE, IN THE DISCUSSION
- OF THE SUBJECT MATTER OF SUCH
- PROPOSALS OR WORKING DOCUMENTS;

- (I) INVITE STATES NOT MEMBERS OF THE
- COMMITTEE, UPON THEIR REQUEST, TO
- EXPRESS VIEWS IN THE COMMITTEE WHEN
- THE PARTICULAR CONCERNS OF THOSE
- STATES ARE UNDER DISCUSSION.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT THE
CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT WILL
TRANSMIT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN TIME FOR ITS
THIRTY-THIRD SESSION A REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE
CONFERENCE AND THAT, BY THAT TIME, STATES WILL HAVE
COMPLETED THEIR CONSULTATIONS ON THE MEMBERSHIP OF
THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT. END QUOTE. YOUNG

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